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## Mozambique: 'State of war' against Rhodesia

MAPUTO, Mozambique. — The Marxist government of Mozambique declared yesterday that "a state of war" existed with Rhodesia and announced it had sealed off its 1,300 kms border with the white-ruled nation. The immediate impact was expected to be increased economic difficulties in Southern Africa.

A Rhodesian spokesman in Salisbury said "a state of war" did not mean a declaration of war. The Mozambique ministry of information confirmed this, but said Mozambique was being put on a war footing. Observers here said the move is considered a well-timed piece of sabre rattling.

Britain, which recently stepped up pressure on the Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia to move toward black-majority rule, welcomed what it viewed as economic sanctions by Mozambique.

Last week, Rhodesian forces went into Mozambique in "hot pursuit" of some of the thousands of black nationalist guerrillas infiltrating from the Mozambique border, killing 12 guerrillas and suffering one Rhodesian soldier dead.

Rhodesia, a breakaway British colony, has an army of 3,500 men and 10,000 reservists, many of whom have been called up in recent months because of a growing number of clashes in the three-year-old guerrilla war.

The "state of war" declaration came in an impassioned speech by President Samora Machel, a guerrilla fighter himself until Mozam-



Rhodesian army patrol pauses for a rest in the Mozambique border area. (AP radiophoto)

bique won independence from Portugal last June. The bearded, 42-year-old Machel said all Rhodesian property and assets in Mozambique would be seized, all communications with Rhodesia cut and Mozambique would apply full economic sanctions against its neighbor.

It is believed Machel's moves are a gesture to maintain his prestige with fellow African heads of state after declaring Maputo, formerly Lourenco Marques, to be a "liberation centre" for the overthrow of the South African and Rhodesian regimes.

But it is also believed that whatever Machel says, he realizes that it is South Africa and Rhodesia which are keeping Mozambique's

tottering economy from total collapse. Nevertheless, sources are watching the situation warily because much of Machel's performance since Mozambique became independent has been unpredictable.

Rhodesia asked yesterday that the International Red Cross help secure the release of 18 Rhodesian railway workers detained by Mozambique authorities.

Sixteen railway employees were detained last Saturday across the border at Malvernia and two others were detained yesterday.

In London, the Foreign Office said yesterday Britain welcomes Mozambique's announcement that it will apply full economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

## Simon will help Israel sell more to U.S.

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent  
Israel will set up a marketing organization in the U.S. — and "I will undertake a personal effort to assist your Government in this important area," Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon declared yesterday.

He was speaking at a simple ceremony held in the Knesset building, after he and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz signed an agreement establishing the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Industrial Research and Development Foundation.

Simon left with his party immediately afterwards on the next leg of his Middle East trip, this time to Damascus. Seeing him off at Ben-Gurion Airport were Rabinowitz, U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Tompkins, the Director-General of the Treasury Arnon Gafny, and representatives of the Foreign Ministry.

During his three-day stay, Simon had talks with other economic leaders, including Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and with Defence Minister Shimon Peres. He received an honorary doctorate at Tel Aviv University on Monday.

The main theme in his discussions was the need expressed by the Israeli representatives to reduce their country's deficit in trade with the U.S. Ideas included the promotion of American investment in this country and the possibility of increased loans from the Export-Import Bank.

The U.S.-Israel Joint Committee for Investment and Trade met on Monday and Tuesday under the

## Israel, N. Ireland tie 1-1

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Israel and Northern Ireland yesterday drew 1-1 in a game that was a valuable last international test for Israel before the Olympic Games qualifying matches against Japan and South Korea. Among the 10,000 spectators at Bloomfield Stadium were Premier Rabin and British Ambassador Anthony Elliot.

Israel led 1-0 at half-time thanks to a smartly snapped-up goal in the 38th minute. The Irish equalizer was unfortunate for Israel, as defender Abraham Lev chested the ball into his own net. The Israeli defence left a gap on the right which was quickly exploited by the nippy Irish. Left-winger Feeney received the ball and let fly with a drive from 10 metres, which bounced off Lev.

The Israelis played a much better game than against Denmark in January. The defence was shaky in the first half, often failing — to clear the ball confidently. But

## Peres sees threat from Syria

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The main threat to peace today comes from the Syrians, who are trying to increase their influence in Lebanon and turn it into a confrontation state, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said today. He was answering journalists' questions at Kibbutz Hanita during a tour of settlements on the northern border.

In reference to concern expressed last week by inhabitants of border settlements about the situation in southern Lebanon, Peres said it was still not clear who was in control in the area. He said that any limitations in the fortification of the border were budgetary, not ideological in origin.

The minister said that there had been no significant changes in the deployment of forces in southern Lebanon. There were no P.L.A. units stationed on the border, and although Lebanese army detachments had been carrying out limited patrols, they had not returned to their strongholds vacated in January.

### EGYPTIAN OPTION

Asher Wallfish adds:  
In the Knesset yesterday, Defence Minister Peres said that even though Egypt today might have rejected the military option, Israel could not be sure that Egypt would not take up that option once again in the future, after it rebuilt its military power.

Replying to a Likud motion for the agenda which was voted to Committee, Peres said Egypt had apparently signed the interim agreement in Sinai with a view to observing it and consistently rejected pressures to overturn that agreement.

Such pressures might grow still stronger in the inter-Arab sphere, Peres suggested.

The Defence Minister said that Sadat's present policy postulated that the political struggle could help ease Egypt's national plight, as long as his country maintained its military readiness. The overall Egyptian view was that war alone was not enough to solve the Middle East dispute — and even if war was possible, the risk was too great.

This was in addition to the fact, as Sadat himself admitted, that wars had cost Egypt's economy and its internal development a heavy price. In October 1973, the Egyptian President said, his country's economy had fallen "below zero."

The wars of 1967 and 1973 had cost Egypt \$40,000 million. Peres concluded that even though Egypt's anti-Israel propaganda was not as hostile as that of Syria, that hostility had not been eliminated in the spirit of the interim agreement.

He said that Egypt's present trends were paradoxical, regret-

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## No U.S. denial of secrets in interim pact

WASHINGTON. — The State Department refused yesterday to confirm or deny that the United States had made three secret agreements with Egypt which included guarantees that Israel would not wage war against Syria.

Department spokesman Robert Funseth would say only that "undertakings and agreements" made with Egypt and Israel in connection with the Sinai interim agreement were "spelled out in great detail last autumn" when the agreement was presented to Congress.

Majority leader Sen. Mike Mansfield, Democrat-Montana, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he assumed committee staff had already been instructed to make "appropriate inquiries" at the State Department regarding the "secret agreements." He added: "We were told (by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger) that there were no secret agreements." (UPI)

## Jackson frontrunner in Democratic race Wins Massachusetts primary

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) has suddenly emerged as a frontrunner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Following his surprise victory in Tuesday's Massachusetts primary, Jackson has become recognized as a serious force to be reckoned with. Previously many political pundits in the United States had tended to dismiss Jackson's candidacy because of his supposed lackluster personality.

But Jackson has stunned the experts and his supporters were overjoyed yesterday.

President Ford, as expected, defeated his challenger, ex-Governor Ronald Reagan of California, in the Republican presidential primary — a contest in which neither one campaigned. Ford received 64 per cent and Reagan 33.

At stake yesterday was the support of 104 delegates to the Democratic nominating convention in July and 43 delegates to the Republican convention in August. Jackson picked up 20 committed delegates in contesting his first 1976 primary. He needs 1,505 to win the election.

Jackson is widely considered here to be the most pro-Israel candidate because of his many years of outspoken leadership in the Senate on issues involving Israel.

As a result, many Israeli supporters, who have endorsed Jackson, were expressing pleasure yesterday over the primary results. Jackson wound up with about 23 per cent of the democratic vote followed by Arizona congressman Morris Udall, a liberal, with 18 per cent, Alabama Governor George Wallace, 17, and former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, both conservatives.

Next week's Florida primary and the early April New York race are now the major tests facing Jackson and his political aides. If Jackson can do relatively well in Florida, a



Senator Jackson, a contender for the U.S. presidency in 1972, pictured at the time during his campaign in Florida. (Camera Press)

southern state that will tend to support Wallace and Carter (both southerners), and later win the New York primary, as is expected, he will have an excellent chance of running away with the nomination.

Jackson won the Massachusetts primary despite the reputation the state has as being liberal. It was the only state (in addition to the District of Columbia) that supported Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern during the 1972 contest.

Jackson has organized a large and effective staff of professionals and volunteers, and has raised considerable financial contributions.

During the past few weeks, he has intensified his attacks against President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, especially their policy of U.S.-Soviet detente. Jack-

son called Kissinger a liar in an interview over the weekend, charging the Secretary with misleading the American public on Soviet commitments to ease emigration policies in exchange for U.S. trade benefits.

Jimmy Carter, who won the earlier New Hampshire primary, (Jackson had not entered that race) yesterday was attempting to regain the momentum that he had held. But it was clear that his organization was disappointed in the Massachusetts outcome.

Carter will have to do well in the Florida race to remain a leading contender.

Jackson can be expected to win the New York race, where he has strong labour and grass roots support. Because of his pro-Israel policies, Jackson will win much Jewish voter support in New York — where Jews play a decisive role.

Observers in Boston commented yesterday that Daniel Moynihan's last-minute endorsement of Jackson helped the candidate win additional Irish-Catholic votes. Moynihan, the former U.S. envoy at the United Nations, has won many supporters for his outspoken criticism of the Third World and the Soviet Union leveled at the U.N.

Jackson and Moynihan have become closely aligned, many observers speculating that Moynihan would land an important Cabinet post — maybe Secretary of State — in a Jackson Administration.

Ford Administration officials were not especially pleased by the Jackson success because of the running battle that he has had with Ford and Kissinger over the past several years.

The liberal candidates who did badly in Massachusetts — Bayh, Harris, Shriver and Shapp — are now regarded as early candidates for elimination from the nomination.

The following are the number of delegates won by the contenders:

Democrats (104): Jackson — 80; Wallace — 21; Udall — 20; Carter — 16; Shriver — 8; Harris — 6; Bayh — 1; Shapp — 1; McCormack — 1.

Republicans (48): Ford — 27; Reagan — 15; uncommitted — 1.

## Egged rescinds move to fire 450 workers

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged has gone back on its decision to fire 450 dismissed workers. The workers were given two weeks' notice to go into effect.

The Histadrut committee ruled on Tuesday that the dismissals were not legal and told the workers to return the notices. Yesterday, the committee met again with representatives of both the workers and Egged's management. Egged representatives explained that the bus cooperative's bad financial situation had necessitated the firing of the 450 workers. The Histadrut panel countered that Egged could not dismiss the workers without first discussing the matter with the Labour

Federation and the workers' committee.

Egged accepted the Histadrut claims and cancelled the dismissal decision. The management will meet during the next few days with the workers' committee to try and find ways to save money for the cooperative. But if no alternative is found, then the management will sit with the workers' committee to decide on implementation of dismissals, according to the principle of last hired is first fired.

The decision cancelling the dismissals narrows Egged's chances to continue operating at full capacity. On Tuesday Egged's leaders said they would let the Government take over the cooperative unless a solution to their financial problems is found by next week.

## UK Trotskyites print CIA list

LONDON. — A Trotskyist newspaper yesterday published the names of 60 persons it claimed are employees of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in London. It said its information came from sources within the U.S. Embassy.

An Embassy spokesman refused to comment on the report in the newspaper, "Red Weekly."

The paper said its aim was to "expose the work" of the CIA's British base. Reporter Mick Gosling, who said he compiled the list, alleged that "the Embassy is an important centre for (CIA)

operations on a European scale." Gosling said alarm for the safety of CIA agents is "hypocritical" when weighed against the CIA having "helped cost thousands of lives." (AP)

### AFTER MIDNIGHT

Israeli forces last night blew up a house in Mis al Jebel in southern Lebanon. The house was used as a refuge for terrorists. All our forces returned safely. The Army spokesman also announced that a number of heavy rockets were fired at Manara about 5.30 last night. There were no casualties and the fire was returned.



### Ford pushes for 'momentum' in

the Middle East, despite preoccupation with the presidential elections. Post Washington correspondent Wolf Blitzer reports on the end of state of war' proposal as seen from the American capital.

Martha Meier examines the state of our food hygiene, and finds that fast-food has a positive health value.

Sarah Mosig interviews recently arrived Soviet mathematician and chess activist Dr. Alexander Luntz.

Arnold Sherman sings the praises of the Model-T of the skies, the Dandy Dakota.

Werner Braun photographs the action on the ski slopes of Mt. Hermon.

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## THE WEATHER

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| Jerusalem   | 19          | 14      | 19-14   |
| Golan       | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Nahariya    | 20          | 15      | 20-15   |
| Safed       | 16          | 11      | 16-11   |
| Haifa       | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |
| Tiberias    | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Nazareth    | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |
| Afula       | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Shomron     | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |
| Tel Aviv    | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| B-G Airport | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Jericho     | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |
| Amman       | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Beersheba   | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |
| Shat        | 18          | 13      | 18-13   |
| Yotv        | 17          | 12      | 17-12   |

## Social and Personal

Interior Minister Yosef Burg met yesterday with Dutch Ambassador Christian Benjamin Arntzen.

The first annual Rosario Castellanos Prize, in memory of the late Mexican Ambassador to Israel, was awarded yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to student Akiva Konoich in a ceremony at the Beit Hachochim House Faculty Club. The Ambassadors of Bolivia and the Philippines, and the Mexican charge d'affaires attended.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with members of the Makuyia sect from Japan.

Elihu Shmueli, deputy director-general of the Ministry of Education and Culture, was yesterday appointed president of Israel's Scout Movement.

Canada Day at the Technion was marked yesterday with the visit of 84 members of the Canadian Technion Society from all parts of Canada who participated in the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the D. Lou Harris Canadian Dormitory. The group was received by Carl Alpert, executive vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of the Technion.

Thirty-five newly elected Rotary Club presidents from all over the country, accompanied by their club secretaries, met on Tuesday at the P.O. Hotel in Tel Aviv for an intensive job-preparation session. Shlomo Grotman, governor-designate of Rotary Israel for 1976-77, chaired the session. Salim Jubran and Asher Yisraeli, co-chairmen of Rotary's joint Jewish-Arabic committee, spoke on projects planned for the coming year to increase understanding between Jews and Arabs in Israel.

Professor Yoram Dinstein will speak on "Israel and the U.N." at today's Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club meeting, 1.15, at the ZOA House.

**BIRTH**  
ZASLAVSKY. — To Dr. Zeev Zaslavsky of the Tel Aviv University Medical School and Dr. Susan Zaslavsky (nee Lurie) of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Hebrew University, a son, on February 28. First grandchild of Irene and Jesse Zel Lurie, executive editor of "Hadasah Magazine," New York.

## ARRIVALS

C. William Kontos, chief of the American early warning system in Sinai, from Washington for his first visit to the desert installation.

**KOAH KAN**  
In yesterday's article on the conference of "Koah Kan" called to improve the "quality of life" in Israel, we inadvertently failed to mention the role of the Hithadut Olai Britania in helping to initiate the conference.

## 'Achievement of interim accord' Galili hails Sadat's view on Syrian war

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili yesterday welcomed as "one of the achievements of the interim agreement with Egypt" President Sadat's reported statement in Kuwait that he would not join Syria in a war of their own making against Israel.

But he told Technion students at their union's Wednesday noon forum yesterday that although the statement should be welcomed "with all due respect" he would advise the Government not to be lulled into a sense of security by it.

We should carefully follow Egypt's behaviour in the field and keep our ears to the ground to test whether Sadat's statement indeed marked a real change in Egypt's attitude towards peace, he said.

"I certainly hope that Egypt for the foreseeable future will be interested in continuing her own economic rehabilitation, but we can't always rely on their logic," he said.

As to Sadat's qualification that he would join the war if Israel attacked Syria, Galili declared, "Israel will not attack any Arab state, including Syria. We have no reason

to attack unless it becomes clear that if we hold back we will be fatally attacked by Syria. In that case, we would be practising self-defence and not attacking."

The Minister explained the Government's policy on the Palestinian question "because this policy has become so unclear and mixed up in the public's mind that, rather than fooling the enemy, we ourselves no longer know its main points." These were that the problem of self-identification for Palestinian Arabs must be satisfied within the framework of an Arab Jordanian-Palestinian state, whose agreed and defensible borders with Israel are to be determined in negotiations between Israel and Jordan with the participation of representatives of the Palestinians.

If such a state were established, Israel would not in any way intervene in its internal matters or politics, he said. "But there can be no third state between Israel and Jordan," he stressed. No serious Arab circles were proposing a solution of the Arab-Israel conflict through the creation of a Palestinian state between the two countries, he claimed.

## Some hope held out for Zarmi's return

By SRAJA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Avraham Geveher, who has assumed the role of acting secretary-general of the Labour Party in the wake of Meir Zarmi's resignation, yesterday sounded somewhat optimistic that Zarmi would return to the post.

In a letter to Micha Harish, MK, Geveher said he was waiting for the results of current efforts to bring Zarmi back before he convenes the Party Leadership Bureau or the Central Committee. He added that there was a real chance to meet at least one of Zarmi's requests — that of delivering the party from its financial strait jacket.

Zarmi on Tuesday attended a

meeting of the Alignment Knesset faction, despite earlier press reports that he would boycott it.

Observers believe he came to the meeting in order to speak with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin afterwards. No details of the private conversation have been released.

Meanwhile, the moshav section of the Labour Party yesterday called for an urgent session of the Central Committee to discuss the crisis. It did not call for Zarmi's return, however, and in fact criticized both Zarmi and the Prime Minister for not showing more authority within the party.

Zarmi spent yesterday working in his kibbutz auto repair shop, but is expected to meet with the Prime Minister again tomorrow.

## Tel Aviv gets IL10m. bank loan to pay this month's salaries

By SARAH HONG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipality will be able to pay this month's salaries to its employees, after it receives a IL10m. bank loan.

As required by law, the municipality obtained approval for the loan from the Ministry of Interior. Oddly enough, it is the ministry that the municipality is blaming for its current serious financial plight.

The city in the last two months has lost IL14m. in ministry allocations, which are being withheld in retaliation for the 10 per cent pay hike awarded 500 of the city's municipal labourers.

City spokesman Amikam Shapiro

told *The Jerusalem Post* that the loan was taken under "normal bank interest rates." He added that the city spends nearly half of its operational budget each month on salaries.

The loan will enable the city to continue paying the increase to its manual workers for another month. It is estimated that this increase will cost the city no more than IL2m. annually.

The Ministry of Interior objects to the increase because it is not in keeping with collective wage policy and will prompt similar demands elsewhere. Mayor Shlomo Lahat is seeking a meeting with the Minister of Interior in an effort to change his mind.

## Miles Sherover dies

Businessman and philanthropist Miles Sherover died yesterday in his Jerusalem home, opposite the theatre he helped build. He was 79.

His funeral will set out from the Jerusalem Theatre at 10.30 Friday morning.

Sherover was a distinguished resident of the city, whose signal contribution to its well-being was recognized in 1974 when he was honoured as Worthy (Yakir) of Jerusalem.

He had led a life of remarkable achievement and interest. Widely travelled, he was an outstanding linguist, with mastery of the major European languages as well as Chinese and Japanese. Though a bold and resourceful entrepreneur in the classic capitalist mold, he was a life-long and committed socialist.

Sherover was born in Cracow, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in a traditional Orthodox household. When he was six years old the family crossed the Atlantic to New York, where he grew up on the Lower East Side and in Harlem. His father, a learned and pious man, died comparatively young, leaving the young Miles as the sole support of his mother and sisters.

He soon showed an uncommon gift for business, which enabled him later in life to alternate periods of successful moneymaking with travel in far places and public work.

In 1916, at 19 years of age, he was the youngest licensed insurance broker in the State of New York. Two years later, he was off to the Far East, to spend four years as a newspaperman in Japan and China. Next, after a seven-year stint — cut short by the Depression — as a building contractor in New York, he worked for three years in



the USSR as a consultant in large-scale industrial construction.

Back in New York in 1932, he made his first fortune with the spectacularly successful sale of Soviet Bonds on Wall Street. He was on a visit to France in 1936 when the Spanish Civil War broke out and called immediately at the nearest Spanish Consulate to offer his help. Before the year was out he had been appointed chief purchasing agent for the Spanish Republican Government in the U.S.

Miles Sherover came to Israel on a visit in 1963 and met his wife, Gitta, in Jerusalem. He established here a magnificent home which for the past two decades has played a unique role in the social life of the Capital.



Monseigneur Francis Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn, New York (right), bids farewell to Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Synagogue Council of America — and au revoir back home. (Batsheva Indor)

## Catholic-Jewish dialogue winds up

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Liaison Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations last night unanimously expressed its "profound concern over the campaign to defame the State of Israel and the Jewish People and to isolate them from the international community."

The group, 12 Catholics selected by the Vatican and 17 Jews representing world Jewish organizations declared that action must be taken to counteract the campaign against Israel. They discussed for three days Jewish-Catholic relations in the past and their possible developments in the future.

The committee expressed "deep joy over the historical and religious significance of the fact that they met for the first time in the holy city of Jerusalem."

The statement, signed by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein and Bishop Torrella, Co-chairmen of the committee, said that they agreed to "examine further the issues of mission and witness" — the Christian impetus to spread their faith among other peoples by conversion. That subject will be taken up at their next

meeting — possibly to take place at the end of this year or the beginning of 1977 in Holland.

The committee said they were satisfied with the rejection by "various authorities in the Catholic Church" of the anti-Zionist resolution passed last year by the UN.

In addition to Bishop Torrella of Minervino Murgia, who is vice-president of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, the Christian members included, among others: Father P.M. de Contenson, executive secretary to the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism; and Father Edward Flannery, of the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Among the Jewish participants were, Dr. G.M. Riegner of Geneva, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress; Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America; Z. Shuster of the American Jewish Committee's Paris office; Dr. Joseph Liechten of Bnai Brith's Anti-Defamation League office in Rome; and Professor S. Talmon, chairman of the Jewish Council in Israel for Interreligious Consultations, Jerusalem.

## U.S. Christians 'ready to help Jewish People'



George Otis, U.S. Bible teacher, who wrote the lyrics to the theme song of the film "Exodus," seen outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
"Christians throughout the U.S. are deeply concerned over the erosion of support there for Israel, and our religious revival movement is ready to help the Jewish People with speakers, financing and blood, if necessary," U.S. Bible teacher George Otis told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

"We are not against the Arabs, but we believe that the radical element in the Palestine Liberation Organization are intent on the destruction of Israel," he added that this conflict with the faith in the teachings of the Bible held by "more than 30 million spiritually return Americans, including thousands of Christians of Arab origin in the U.S."

Otis, a frequent visitor to Israel — this is his eighth visit — is author of "Ghost of Hagar," dealing with Middle East prophecies. At the press conference, he was accompanied by actor and singer Pat Boone.

Boone said that he understood Palestine Arab bitterness at having lost their land. "But regardless of human, short-range right or wrong, we believe that God's long-range plan is to collect the Jews in this territory." He will find a way to compensate the Palestinians, Boone added.

Otis and Boone head a group of some 900 Christians pilgrims who arrived on Monday and Tuesday in two El Al jumbo flights for a conference which opens at the Diplomat Hotel today.

## Probe customs link to heroin

TEL AVIV. — Police are questioning customs officials at Ben-Gurion Airport to determine whether any customs personnel were involved in smuggling into Israel 150 grams of heroin seized here last weekend.

Meanwhile, another suspect — Murad Hefetz, 26 — was remanded for 15 days in the case after police told Magistrate Haim Effendi that he may have been connected with the drug cache. They added that other arrests will follow.

The IL900,000 worth of heroin discovered in Tel Aviv's Kerem Hamevanim quarter may have come from Holland. Amsterdam, a police source said, is a distribution point for hard drugs such as heroin arriving from the Far East.

From Holland, the 150 grams of heroin could have been smuggled into Israel by a tourist, since the quantity was small enough to be hidden in an individual's pocket. There is also the possibility that the drug arrived in a consignment of goods from abroad — and was passed on by a customs inspector.

In Jerusalem a safe containing 30 ampules of drugs and a quantity of tranquillizers was yesterday reported stolen from the clinic at the Schneller army base. Also missing in the theft, apparently committed several days ago, was a revolver and \$450.

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## Peres sees Syrian threat

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ably, and so Israel had to relate to the positive trends — still in their frail swaddling-clothes — as well as the older, dangerous trends which fed on inertia and pan-Arab pressures.

Peres spoke out clearly in favour of the new initiative to examine prospects for an agreement to end the state of war.

"In the past Israel voiced its willingness to try and reach another agreement with Egypt to end the state of war and create a new situation. This, while not being full peace, might well constitute additional progress towards eliminating the danger of a new war, which would cost Egypt a heavy price, no less than Israel. Israel has reiterated this readiness just lately," the Minister said.

Israel's readiness for additional arrangements with the Arab states was a true reflection of its wish for peace, Peres said, while Israel's present and future military deployment reflected the uncertainties in the Arab position, and the secret hopes of some Arab states to launch a surprise attack on Israel. The Likud's Yitzhak Shamir said in his motion that Premier Rabin

was going out of his way to paint President Sadat as a dove of peace, and to praise him for his moderation, despite the Egyptian leader's daily threats of war.

Shamir said Israel should combat Sadat on the American scene, by unmasking his true character as a die-hard Nazi from Hitler's times, and a totalitarian.

He said that the general weakness, sapping the strength of the free world to withstand the onslaughts of totalitarianism, was Israel's capacity to stand before President Sadat.

Meir Pa'il (Moked), who wanted Shamir's motion struck off the agenda, accused the Likud of continually trying to scare the Israeli public with Arab war threats.

## Ya'acobi tackles emigration: 'No one else is doing it'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has presented to the Government and the Jewish Agency his own plan to slow the pace of emigration and encourage Israelis to come back home.

But Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog, who has taken up the problem of emigration since assuming office, said that Ya'acobi's report contains "nothing new. But it is the right of every citizen with something to say to suggest proposals."

The minister, in an 18-page report including charts and statistics, says the World Zionist Organization should be responsible for bringing Yordim (emigrants) back, and that the Government must work to improve the quality of life so that fewer Israelis will be tempted to seek "greener pastures" abroad. Ya'acobi — unaware that one already exists — urged the establishment of a special joint body that would coordinate activities and follow up progress on reducing emigration.

He maintained that emigration was a very serious problem that was enervating the nation, with some 250,000 Israelis considered gorfim

(an emigrant, according to the Central Statistics Bureau, is someone who remains abroad for four consecutive years).

The Transport Minister told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had spent "about four or five months" studying emigration, reading 15 research studies on the topic, meeting with emigrants abroad and talking with officials here who are familiar with the problem.

Asked why he decided to tackle emigration, he asserted that "it very much troubles me, and no one else in the Government would do it."

Told that an inter-office committee on emigration, with representatives of several ministries and of the WZO has been operating since June of last year (first under the chairmanship of Adi Yaffe MK and currently under Eh Paz), Ya'acobi said he was unaware of it, but was "glad to hear it."

Eli Paz, chairman of the inter-office committee on emigration, told *The Post* that "all discussion of emigration, contributes to understanding of the subject. I am sure that our committee will take Minister Ya'acobi's suggestions into consideration."

## 'Dollar premiums could solve El Al's problems'

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT.** — With less than one month to go before the wage agreements of El Al's 6,000 employees expire, and the threat of a strike looms large, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has suggested that if El Al were paid premiums on its net foreign currency earnings — as all other foreign currency earning sectors of the economy are — the national carrier could solve all its financial problems without resorting to outside aid.

These problems include the foreign currency taxation on crews' earnings, due to go into effect on April 1 and which could cause a strike unless settled before then. Full application of the taxes would mean that senior pilots could lose as much as 40% of their present net income. El Al has paid the tax difference since the reform took effect last summer.

Actually only one-fifth of the company staff is concerned with the foreign currency taxation problems. Two hundred men are atop El Al's wage pyramid as pilots. An additional 100 serve as navigators and flight engineers, while 700 more are cabin attendants.

Ya'acobi suggested that El Al would use the extra income from the premiums to pay the increased taxes on the crews' foreign currency earnings (or to raise their wage).

The minister is opposed to subsidizing El Al, reportedly with IL50m. However, he has suggested the Government foot the IL20m. bill for the company's security expenses. Last year El Al's gross foreign currency earnings were over \$200m. Of this, some \$70m. were net foreign currency earnings (after all overseas expenses had been paid). The bulk of the sum was exchanged at a rate of IL4.08 to the dollar, which was less than the official rate of exchange. Premiums due on the foreign currency earnings could net the company \$50m. and more than cover the company's anticipated deficits for the fiscal year ending April 1.

This year's gross earnings are estimated at over \$250m., not counting local income. Some \$100m. would be left after deduction of operational expenses incurred abroad. At the going premium rate, this would mean an extra income of over IL180m. and leave the company's books in the black.

## Last day for TA Tank Corps bazaar

TEL AVIV. — Today is the last day of the four-day bazaar being held by families of fallen Tank Corps officers at Beit Hahayal here. Proceeds will go to building a cultural and recreational centre.



Rabinowitz and Simon signing the agreement establishing the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Industrial Research and Development Foundation. (Avi Tal-Emka)

## Simon ends visit

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joint presidency of the two ministers, Simon and Rabinowitz. The committee decided to organize a mission of high-level American business executives to Israel this year, under the sponsorship of OPIC (the Overseas Private Investment Corporation). Encouragement will be given for efforts to sell Israeli products to the U.S. Department of Defence. A special procurement office will be opened in the U.S. for the purpose.

finished product. Attempts will be made to exploit this opening. The Industrial Research and Development Foundation will have an endowment of \$60m., half of it supplied by Israel, half by the U.S. (this part coming from the repayment of U.S. loans by the Israeli Treasury). The income from the endowment will be used to finance industrial research of interest to both countries.

It is understood that the obstacle to doing business with Government agencies in the U.S. is the "Buy American" law, which limits acquisition only to the U.S. and Canada — except for components that form a limited part of the

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The funeral of the late  
**LUBA JOFFE**  
leaves Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, at 11 a.m., Friday, March 5, 1976, for Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.



## Shamgar: No need to use death penalty

TEL AVIV. — Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar, speaking yesterday before students at Bar-Ilan University, said that Israel should continue to refrain from the use of capital punishment, as it has done since the establishment of the State.

"I don't think the State of Israel has reached the position in which it would be advisable to implement the laws providing for the maximum punishment of death," Shamgar said.

In answering questions, the speaker expressed support for the drafting of a constitution and said that such a document is needed not only to delineate the responsibilities of the various governmental authorities, but also to anchor the legal rights of the individual.

Shamgar expressed some reservations over the suggestion that some of the responsibilities of the Supreme Court be passed to the district courts. The district courts are just as busy as the Supreme Court, he said, and the transfer of responsibilities would therefore be of no help to the judicial process.

The death penalty has only been used once in Israel's legal history — for Nazi Adolf Eichmann.

## Israelis spend more despite planned slowdown

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Economic activity expanded slightly in the latter part of 1975, despite the Government's planned slowdown, and private consumption rose by 2.5 per cent during the third quarter of the year, according to a periodical report released by the Bank of Israel yesterday.

This was due in part to the effect of the tax reform, which increased disposable income. Exports also shot up in the last quarter, by an impressive 17 per cent (in real terms) in the last quarter.

A tourist recession in the first six months of 1975 turned into boom subsequently. But the improvement was not reflected in the country's foreign currency earnings — probably because (the report supposes) foreign visitors made greater use of the black market, since the gap had widened between the official and unofficial parities of the Israeli pound.

One branch that did decline was building; but even here the drop was less than expected. The slowdown in population growth would have warranted a 30 per cent reduction in building starts, according to the Bank of Israel. The actual decline was half that amount.

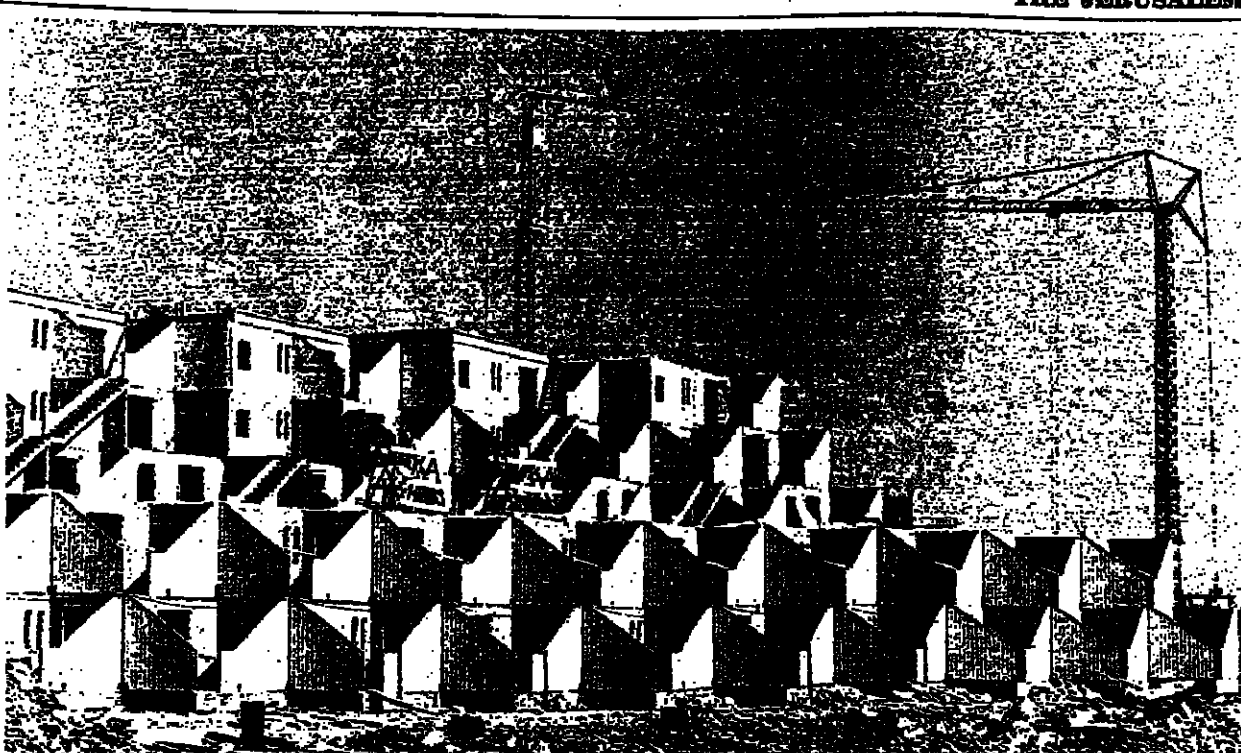
Although the Gross National Product did not grow in 1975, there was no unemployment increase, which means that, unlike in previous years, there was no increase in productivity per capita either.

## Appliance chain owners held for tax evasion

TEL AVIV. — Five owners of Kol Electric, a large chain of electric appliance stores, were remanded on Tuesday by the Magistrate's Court here for seven days on suspicion of evading taxes.

The suspects are Yisrael Aboudi, Yitzhak Eden, Nissim Divvali, Amnon Shmuel and Yom-Tov Matalon. Aboudi, Eden and Divvali formed a partnership in 1971 to market appliances under the Kol Electric name. It is alleged that they kept no books and that their tax returns were lacking in details on sales and income sources.

Kol Electric has about 40 branches throughout the country. (Him)



The first housing units in the "group settlement" project for English-speaking immigrants in Gilo.

## First urban 'group settlement' now being planned for Gilo

By JUDY SIEGEL

The first "group settlement" of new immigrants in an urban area will begin to take root at the end of this year in the Gilo suburb of Jerusalem. The project, which will eventually settle several hundred English-speaking families on 175 dunam there, is meant to help each newcomer become part of Israeli society at his own pace.

Steve Reinheimer, the project manager in the World Zionist Organization's aliya section — and himself an immigrant from the U.S. — told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that "group settlement" has worked successfully many times in agricultural areas. It brings together immigrants of a common background or language, thus reducing the normal "absorption pains" that go along with being a new settler.

Although there already are concentrations of English-speaking immigrants in various towns, he said, the Gilo project will be the first planned settlement of this kind. If

it proves attractive to English-speaking immigrants, it is likely to become a model for additional urban settlements.

The Gilo project — sponsored by the WZO; the Ministries of Absorption, Labour and Housing; and the Jerusalem Municipality — will be widely publicized in the U.S. and England soon, with floor plans of available apartments included.

About 100 housing units will be turned over by the Housing Ministry by the end of this year, with an equal number scheduled to be completed for several years following. Among the housing available to the immigrant settlers will be Habitat-like units of two and three rooms for singles and small families, designed by architect Eldar Sharon, with separate entrances for each flat and different colours painted on each exterior wall. (The original Habitat was designed by Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie.)

The second facet in the project is community services to help the im-

migrants feel at home, said Reinheimer. Synagogues, schools and community centres, where residents can study Hebrew and Jewish culture and religion and take part in activities, have been planned.

Reinheimer insisted that the project would not become an English-speaking "ghetto," since the new immigrants would naturally mix with the other 8,000 families — veteran Israelis and non-English-speaking immigrants — who will eventually live in Gilo.

"We have contracted a well-known, private economic consulting firm in Jerusalem to locate employment possibilities for the immigrants," Reinheimer added. "Not everyone who comes will get the same kind of job he had in the U.S., so some will have to go through re-training courses."

The WZO's "package deal" will also, it is hoped, include a project of office in the suburb where representatives of various Government and Jewish Agency will sit to streamline bureaucratic procedures.

## What's a gahman? Hebrew U. rapped for wanting to know

By AARON SITTNER

What is a gahman? Who was Chancellor of West Germany in June 1967?

These questions — each of which only a lone member of the Knesset could answer yesterday — are among the ploys allegedly being used by the Hebrew University to keep out culturally deprived students.

The accusation against the country's oldest and largest institution of higher learning came yesterday, during a Knesset Education Committee discussion of the higher education budget.

What vexed some committee members was the cutback in enrolment in the university's pre-academic preparatory institute, a series of courses given to borderline secondary school graduates in order to qualify them for entry as freshmen in the school.

For years, say the critics, the institute welcomed mainly sons and daughters of upper-class families. A few years ago, at the insistence of the Ministry of Education, the Government-supported preparatory institute was persuaded to open its doors more widely to children of economically disadvantaged families and those of Asian or African origin. The aim was to afford these youths equal educational opportunity.

Now, say the critics, the university has cut the enrolment of the institute — from 1,000 to about 200. What is more, the tests given to university applicants are so tough that it is no wonder so few boys and girls from culturally deprived families succeed in getting into college, the critics add.

Committee Member Yossi Sarid (Alignment) said he had tried to get a copy of the entrance examination, but was refused by the university authorities on grounds it was "classified matter." However, he did succeed in learning two of

the questions — the definition of the Hebrew term gahman and the identity of the German Chancellor during the Six Day War.

Of all the MKs asked these questions yesterday, only two came through. Shalom Levin — himself a former teacher — knew that a gahman is a stubborn, capricious person. And only Yitzhak Ben-Aharon could recall that Georg Kiesinger was the German statesman.

Hebrew University officials will be invited to appear before the committee at an early date, a Knesset spokesman said.

## Doctors' criticism rejected

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE KNESSET Public Services Committee has rejected criticism voiced last week by leading gynaecologists about the new draft law on abortions.

Committee chairman Chaima Grossman announced on behalf of the entire committee that the gynaecologists were misleading the public in alleging that their opinions had not been heard and taken into account in the discussions on the draft law. Nor was their claim accurate, that the draft law would permit the woman seeking abortion to choose between having her

family doctor or a gynaecologist, on the committee set up to consider her case.

Mrs. Grossman said that Prof. Z. Polischuk, who had signed the newspaper advertisements criticising her committee last week, and blasted it over Israel Radio, had stated his case fully before the Public Services Committee. Others, including Prof. Toaff and Prof. Serr, also spoke in the committee, she said.

The draft law said plainly that a gynaecologist must be a member of every committee set up to consider an abortion request, Mrs. Grossman said.

## 'Jail for used-car dealers who lie'

### KNESSET BRIEFS

OIL REFINERY employees in Haifa are being bullied and cajoled into "voluntary contributions" to Labour Party funds on work time, Meir Cohen (Likud) alleged yesterday in a letter to the Refineries managing director, with copies to Cabinet ministers.

THE ATLATZ IMMIGRANTS' camp should be declared a national trust, Esther Herlitz (Alignment) said yesterday in a motion for the agenda, which Interior Minister Yosef Burg agreed to refer to committee.

5,200 CONVICTS were in prisons in this country at the end of February on criminal or security charges, Police Minister Shimon Hillel told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, reviewing his ministry's 1976/77 budget. Committee member Moshe Shalal complained that the ministry gave an overall figure for manpower, with no breakdown for the various functional or geographical categories.

THE WOLFF FOUNDATION for prizes and bursaries may be liquidated, if Knesset members insist on introducing an amendment to the law concerning the foundation, Education Minister Aharon Yadin warned the Knesset Education Committee yesterday. Yadin said the anonymous Wolff was fed up all ready with "the typical Israeli way" in which his scheme had been handled. Yadin said the philanthropist, who gave \$10m. to set up an Israeli "Nobel Prize" scheme, had already agreed against his will to certain changes and would not agree to more.

THE MAKUYA delegation from Japan visiting Jerusalem yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu and spoke briefly with U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon, whom they happened to meet in the Knesset lobby.

SMALL-CLAIMS courts are a good idea, the Commerce Federation told the Knesset Law Committee yesterday, but the new courts (suggested under a draft bill in committee) should be authorized to handle claims to IL5,000 — not IL2,000. If the customer-plaintiff was allowed to be represented by a consumer association, the merchant should be represented by a merchants' association, the Federation said.

FUPILS' NATIONAL Service in hospitals, started experimentally this year in the Safed Government Hospital, will gradually be extended in view of the experiment's success, Education Minister Aharon Yadin yesterday told Shimon Levin (Alignment) at question time.

COALITION CHAIRMAN Moshe Wernman wrote to every member of the Cabinet yesterday, complaining that the NRP's Yehuda Ben-Meir had launched an unbridled attack on the 1976/77 budget, announcing he will vote against it. Ben-Meir was behaving in the House like a member of the Opposition, Wernman said.

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## Organizer is El Al agent MK claims 'fakery' in anti-charter adverts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Was El Al secretly behind the "spontaneous" appeal by 1,000 U.S. and Canadian travel agents against introduction of charter flights to Israel?

That's the question raised by Likud MK Akiva Nof in a letter to Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

About a year ago, full-page advertisements signed by agents were placed in Israel's newspapers. The notices said the agents disagreed with the view of Israeli tour agents and hotel operators that charter flights would boost tourist to Israel.

"Now," writes Nof, "I have learned that the person who organized the U.S.-Canadian travel agents' campaign — David Weingarten — is affiliated with El Al, and is employed by the airline as a sales promoter. Keeping this fact from the public and presenting the impression of a voluntary appeal by foreign travel agents is a clear case of fakery. The public is being fooled."

Nof says in his letter that on two occasions he has filed parliamentary questions on the subject to Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. Both times the latter refused to reply, citing a paragraph in the Knesset Rules giving ministers the rights of non-reply "if, in his opinion, the reply could harm state interests."

Till now, continues Nof, ministers have used this privilege only in cases where their replies could infringe upon national security or offend a friendly foreign country. But by using the privilege to protect a commercial enterprise — El Al — Ya'acobi is acting outside the authorized bounds, says Nof.

The fact that El Al is a state-owned enterprise is of no significance in this question, especially since the subject of allowing charter flights is a matter of public debate as well as a dispute between the Ministries of Transport and Tourism, Nof said. (The latter is on record as favouring charter flights.)

"Therefore," Nof concludes in his letter, "I respectfully ask the Speaker to direct the Transport Minister to reply to my parliamentary questions."

## SOCCER PREVIEW

PAUL KOHN

## Big crowd expected at Bloomfield

TEL AVIV. — The main games in the National Football League return to the Coastal Plain this Saturday, after the giants got together in Jerusalem last week.

Jerusalem Betar travel to Netanya to face Shimshon. Both sides lost their games by 0:2 last week, after an extended run of good results. Jerusalem Betar found one too good for them in league champions Beersheba Hapoel, but already the week before in Petah Tikva looked jaded.

Malmillan, Neuman and Levy will have to regain top form in order to hold Danti, Shukriyan and Masuati, playing at their adopted home ground. It is now two weeks since Jerusalem Betar have scored a goal, and at that pace they probably can't hope for more than a point from this game.

A big crowd can be expected this week at Bloomfield Stadium, where Tel Aviv Maccabi plays at home to Netanya Maccabi. Both sides won their games last week, the Tel Avivians playing their best game for

many weeks at this ground to beat Shimshon 2:0 and Netanya Maccabi beating Tel Aviv Hapoel 1:0. Vicky Peretz returned to the Tel Aviv line-up last week and injected some welcome fire into the Maccabi forward line. Tel Aviv Maccabi fans will be hoping for a repeat performance.

Facing the Tel Avivians will be a strong team on paper, including Spigler, Machness, Lavie and Bar. But the Netanya team has an appalling record in away games. Peretz, Yaron Oz, Tabak and Gideon Eliran in goal behind them should be up to handling onto a point.

League leaders Beersheba Hapoel need have no worries about retaining their position after this week's games, for they lead Jerusalem Beersheba by three points. They will also approach their home game this week against bottom-of-the-league Ramat Amudim Maccabi. But the Ramat Gan side also hit form last week, thrashing Petah Tikva Hapoel 3:1.

Although this victory at home cannot compare to the 2:0 triumph of Beersheba Hapoel in the Capital last Saturday, the Negev team would do well not to take it easy against Ramat Amudim.

Tel Aviv Betar and Tel Aviv Hapoel play a derby game at Bloomfield Stadium. Both sides lost by a single goal last week after winning several games in succession earlier. Betar depend to a great degree on their veteran centre forward Moshe Romano; and if Primo, Rachminowitch and Dreyfus can keep a close watch on him, Betar are not likely to produce many goals (having scored only 14 all season). A narrow win for Hapoel looks probable in this game.

Another game in Tel Aviv will be played at the Hatikva Quarter, where Bnei Yehuda return home to entertain Haifa Hapoel. Bnei Yehuda did well to win a point in Kfar Sava last week; and, with the Haifaite not at their best in recent weeks, Ozeri, Ben-Tovim and Co.

should not lose this game against the higher-placed club.

Four persons managed to mark correctly all 13 results on last week's Sportoto football pool, and each will collect about IL205,000. Thirty-one coupons had 12 results correct, to win IL12,750. Eleven results will be worth IL800, and 10 correct results will win IL105. A total of IL4.8m. was invested in the pool last week, this amount being about the weekly average now played on the football pool.

Sportoto announced a IL2m. minimum payout after this week's games, including IL800,000 in first-prize money.

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Meir Wilner, Rabah (New Communist) MK, is pictured addressing the 25th Soviet Communist Party Congress on Tuesday in Moscow. Congress delegates today will elect the party's policy-making Central Committee at a secret session. The committee of about 240 members will then hold a plenary session to elect its inner cabinet, the Politburo, which will be read out by party leader Leonid Brezhnev to the final session, probably tomorrow morning. (AP radiophoto)

## Waldheim takes up Moslem claims on Temple Mount

UNITED NATIONS. — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim committed himself publicly, on Tuesday night to do something about Islamic complaints of alleged Israeli interference with Moslem holy places and worshippers in Jerusalem.

A spokesman said a delegation from the 40-nation UN Islamic Group had come to Waldheim on Tuesday and "informed him of complaints of sacrilege by Israel against Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem and attempts to change the character of the city."

The Secretary-General took note of the complaints, spokesman Francisco Giuliani said. "He will take up the matter urgently, with a view to finding a satisfactory solution to the problem."

Asked with whom Waldheim would discuss the question, the spokesman said he was unable to go beyond the text of the official statement.

Saudi Arabian ambassador Jamil Baroud had presided over the Islamic Group meeting at which the action was initiated and then led the delegation to Waldheim's office. He told reporters the main objections were that Israel was excavating "under" the Al Aqsa Mosque and only letting worshippers there after Friday prayers instead of leaving en masse.

Baroud did not rule out bringing the situation later, "if it deteriorates, to the Security Council." Others in the delegation were from Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, Chad, Senegal and the PLO.

The recent Jerusalem Magistrate's Court action dismissing charges against a group of Jews who prayed on the Temple Mount was denounced yesterday in a letter to the president of the Security Council by the PLO's acting permanent UN observer, Zehdi Terzi. He called the presence of Jews on the site of their ancient Temple, and "the ruling of the racist Zionist magistrate Ruth Or," an "act of profanation and desecration of the sacred site of Al-Haram Al-Sharif." (AP, Reuters)

## Soviets protest 'hostile Zionist acts' in N.Y.

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union yesterday protested for the second time in five days to U.S. Ambassador Walter F. Stoessel against "continued hostile actions by Zionists" against Soviet offices and personnel in New York, Tass reported.

Stoessel was called to the Soviet Foreign Ministry and a protest statement was made to him, the official news agency reported. Last Saturday a similar protest was made to Stoessel.

Wednesday's protest as reported by Tass said "gross provocations, taking place recently one after another, and bandit actions against Soviet institutions and Soviet citizens in New York make it clear that this is a deliberate hostile campaign against the Soviet Union staged by the opponents of improvement of Soviet-American relations."

"It is also clear that this campaign is being helped by the actual inaction of relevant American authorities."

## Lebanon to try three as 'spies for Israel'

BEIRUT. — The Lebanese military prosecutor on Tuesday demanded the death penalty for three Arabs charged with spying for Israel.

The prosecutor charged Ahmed Sobhi El-Kholi, a Palestinian Arab sailor, with spying on the terrorist movement after being trained by Israeli intelligence agents in Rome and Copenhagen.

Amna Dawoud, a Jordanian widow, was charged with supplying Israeli intelligence with secret information about two terrorist leaders.

Mrs. Dawoud, the prosecutor alleged, met and married in Geneva a Jewish pilot who was "killed during an Israeli air attack on Damascus in 1967."

A Lebanese citizen named Mahmoud Ayyash, who was arrested with Mrs. Dawoud, was also indicted for spying. The prosecutor demanded his death.

The three operated separately, the prosecutor claimed. Their indictments were delayed because courts remained closed during the 10-month Lebanese civil war. (AP)

## Chinese warned against Teng

PEKING. — China's press yesterday called on the masses to mobilize against revisionism and declared it was time to give Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping "a shove in his back."

In one of the hardest-hitting articles of the current drive against rightists, it alluded to the strong position Teng and "capitalist roaders" held in the Communist Party.

The same front-page report appeared in Peking's two main newspapers. It did not name Teng but referred to him as the mastermind behind an organized "all-round attack on the proletariat." The article was broadcast domestically by Peking Radio.

Quoting a 1966 saying of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the article warned: "People like (former Soviet Premier) Khrushchev are lurking beside us. Party committees at all levels must pay attention to this." If such people were to usurp leadership of the party and state, capitalism would be restored in China, it added. Some observers took this as a warning to "capitalist roaders" to repent and unite behind Mao's revolutionary policies.

The rapidly rising campaign has already led to wall posters branding Teng and the rightists as anti-Mao. But the Vice-Premier has not yet been named in the press.

Yesterday's article said that in the past rightists had been successfully re-educated by the party. But it apparently ruled this out for the bi-talking, pragmatic Teng.

It said "that unrepentant capitalist roaders" stubbornly wanted to practise revisionism despite being educated repeatedly. This referred to Teng's experiences in the 1960 cultural revolution when he was criticized and disappeared from public life for six years.

"The most important experience given us by the cultural revolution is to mobilize the masses to expose

revisionism and criticize it," it said. "No matter how high his position and his seniority, if he practices revisionism he will be criticized," the article continued.

Apart from his post as Vice-Premier, Teng is also a party vice-chairman and the military chief of staff. Six weeks ago he was regarded as the probable successor to the late Premier Chou En-lai. (Reuters)

## 'K is furious with Nixon'

WASHINGTON. — Former President Richard Nixon has reported highlights of his China trip to U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who is furious because Nixon kept his plans secret during a meeting two days before the trip was announced, columnist Jack Anderson said yesterday.

Kissinger telephoned Nixon on Monday to arrange for the ex-President to submit his report in the form of a written memo, Anderson reported. The columnist added: "The two men spent less than 15 minutes on the phone. Nixon described the highlights of the trip to Kissinger, but will put the details in writing."

Anderson said Kissinger met privately with Nixon at the former President's estate in San Clemente, Calif., two days before Nixon's visit to Peking was announced. The two spent more than an hour discussing world affairs, the columnist said. "Yet, incredibly, Nixon didn't mention a word about his China trip to the Secretary of State. Kissinger was furious at the former President for holding out on him." (AP)

## 'Brown was drinking'

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Former British Foreign Secretary and Labour Party leader Lord George Brown resigned on Tuesday night from the party he had joined 45 years ago, saying "Labour has become a machine, it no longer seems concerned with individuals."

And in an extraordinary and saddening scene, a short while after he had given a television interview in which he announced his decision, the man who for 10 years had been the deputy leader of the British Labour Party tripped and fell in the road outside the houses of Parliament.

He was said to have been drinking heavily and rumours circulated yesterday that his television interview was cut (very) short because he was incoherent.

In his announcement, Brown said he had been greatly moved by Monday night's television interview with Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in which the exiled Russian writer warned the West about the way it was surrendering its freedoms.



## Whitlam welcomes Hussein

CANBERRA. — King Hussein of Jordan declared yesterday that without a return of the Arab territories captured by Israel, and without recognition of the "rights of Palestinian refugees," there would be no peace in the Middle East.

Hussein was speaking at a parliamentary luncheon hosted by the Australian Government to mark the start of his eight-day visit.

Hussein, the first Arab head of state to visit Australia, said, "the great tragedy of our time is that one third of our population are refugees. We feel we have done our utmost, and a military solution is not the lasting solution."

Hussein's visit, part of an international diplomatic initiative, coincided with the controversy within the Australian Labour Party over the alleged offer of \$500,000 from Iraq to help defray election campaign expenses last December.

Gough Whitlam earlier survived a Labour caucus meeting as party leader, and took the opportunity at the luncheon to counter his opponents by outlining his party's "even-handed" policy toward the Middle East.

Whitlam said to Hussein, "Your presence among us will give particular pleasure to all those Australians, Islamic and Christian alike — numbering by some estimates as many as 100,000 — whose ancestors came from or who themselves came from Arab countries." (AP)

LIGHTNING. — Three children were killed and 13 injured when lightning struck a primary school at Lari, near Nairobi, Tuesday — the third time the school had been hit in 15 years.

## U.S. to aid Japan probe of Lockheed

WASHINGTON. — Roderick Hills, Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), offered yesterday to make the names of Japanese officials alleged to have accepted bribes available to Japanese law enforcement authorities under specified conditions.

Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, Hills refused to disclose the names of the officials and other relevant material publicly, at least at this time.

"Premature public disclosure of the Commission's investigative files may seriously impair our ability to enforce the applicable provisions of the Federal Securities Law," Hills said. "Such premature disclosure could alert potential defendants to the relative strengths and weaknesses of our case and allow them to tailor their case accordingly."

In Tokyo, the chairman of the board of Marubeni Corp., Hiro Hiyama, resigned his post yesterday after his firm had come under criticism in connection with alleged Lockheed Aircraft payoffs in Japan.

A company spokesman said Hiyama had resigned from the concern that is Lockheed's official agent in Japan and Japan's number three ranked trading company. He was expected to stay on with the company as an adviser.

Earlier it was reported that Japan's ruling liberal-democratic party had agreed with its political opponents on holding further Diet (parliament) hearings into the Lockheed case.

Lockheed Aircraft's chairman denied yesterday that U.S. government funds were used to replace money the corporation spent on bribes to foreign government officials to influence aircraft sales.

The Chairman, Robert W. Haack said Lockheed "has not been alone in the payment of commissions and other payments on overseas business."

Haack said Lockheed's payoffs overseas have had no effect on the firm's ability to repay its \$250m. bank loan guaranteed by the U.S. government.

U.S. Senator William Proxmire has demanded that Lockheed enter into a fixed monthly payment schedule of its loans.

Lockheed for the last decade has been either the first or the second largest U.S. defence contractor.

Haack said such a requirement could well push Lockheed into the bankruptcy it has so long tried to avoid. (AP)

## Jordan to pay more for oil

AMMAN. — King Hussein's government has agreed almost to triple what it pays for oil from Saudi Arabia, but the Saudi government will finance the increase, officials here said.

Jordan has been getting more than five million barrels a year from the line as it passes through, paying only \$3.67 a barrel. The new price will be \$11.50, the standard world price, the officials explained.

The Hashemite Kingdom signed the accord on Tuesday with Tapline, the American-owned pipeline company that pumps oil from the Saudi desert through Jordan and Syria to the Lebanese port of Sidon on the Mediterranean.

The Saudi government of King Khalid will pay \$116m. in settlement of previous accounts to Tapline and also finance the difference between the new price and the old for the next two years, they added. (AP)

## Lisbon workers still hold 2 U.S. bosses

LISBON. — Two American executives of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. yesterday entered their third day as prisoners in their own plant, of workers demanding talks on pay disputes.

"They're going to stay there until they decide to negotiate," vowed one of the plant employees. (AP)

## Saudis aided Fatah in Lebanese strife

BEIRUT. — Fatah representative in Riyadh, Abu Hisham, said yesterday his organization received \$10m. from the Saudi Arabian government during the Lebanese civil war. He also claimed that the Saudis had set up an "air bridge" between Riyadh and Damascus during the fighting to supply Fatah with arms, food and medicines. (UPI)

MOYNHAN. — Margaret Moynihan, mother of recently retired UN Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan, was in critical condition yesterday following what New York City police called "a possible suicide attempt."

## THE WORLD IN BRIEF

### 7 face death in Algiers trial

ALGIERS. — The prosecution yesterday asked the death penalty for seven men who went on trial on Tuesday for treason and other offences, the official Algerian News Agency APS reported.

The seven, alleged to have worked for an international subversive group, were being tried before the state security court at Medea, about 90 kms. south of Algiers. They include a 64-year-old Frenchman named Paul Daniel.

There will be no appeal. Only President Houari Boumedienne could grant a pardon if the men were sentenced to death. (Reuters)

### Libya bars 141 Egyptians

CAIRO. — Libyan authorities refused entry on Tuesday to 141 Egyptians at Tripoli airport because they were carrying identity cards instead of passports, Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

The authorities put the travellers back on their aircraft, but allowed entry to 23 Egyptians who had passports.

Under the provisions of the federation grouping Egypt, Libya and Syria, citizens of the three countries are allowed to travel freely within the federation with only their identity cards.

The newspapers gave no reason for the Libyan action. They said Libya last week had turned back 75 Egyptian workers on grounds that the men were carrying false working papers. (Reuters)

### Rats plague Nile village

CAIRO. — Large rats immune to pesticides have turned life in a Nile Delta village into a nightmare, with attacks on infants and animals, the mass circulation "Al-Akhabar" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the rats first appeared in the village of Meit Eshna 10 years ago. They had become immune to poison and were devouring about half the wheat crop. "Al-Akhabar" quoted villagers as saying they were trying to obtain large cats capable of defying the rats. (Reuters)

### Opium trade thrives in Egypt

CAIRO. — The production of hashish and opium is becoming a thriving business in an isolated part of Upper Egypt, according to a columnist of the semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" yesterday.

Abbas Labib writes that cannabis and opium are being grown near Assiut and business is thriving despite an intensive police campaign. Farmers of the illegal crops are arming themselves and in many cases are better equipped than police, the article said.

Egyptian law provides for capital punishment for the production, extraction or manufacture of narcotics for illicit trade. (Reuters)

### Hassan threatens Algeria

RABAT. — King Hassan II of Morocco said yesterday the former Spanish Sahara has been irrevocably integrated into his national territory and Morocco is prepared to go to war if necessary to defend it against any foreign aggressor.

In the annual "speech from the throne" commemorating his 1961 accession, Hassan warned neighbouring Algeria to refrain from any action which could lead to "a flareup of hatred and... bloodshed between Arab brothers." He said Morocco's armed forces were "in a state of vigilance enabling them to repulse any attempt to violate our territorial integrity."

Algeria has armed and financed a guerrilla movement known as the Polisario Front which last week declared the "independence" of the territory. (AP)

### Italy socialists: Gov't 'decadent'

ROME. — The Socialist Party yesterday opened its 40th congress with a broadside against Italy's leadership for failing to deal effectively with economic problems.

"Our ruling class has fallen into heavy responsibility for the inability, or rather for the lack of will, to make clear and precise choices" concerning economic policy, Sen. Francesco Albertini told 856 delegates representing the 665,000 members of Italy's third biggest political party.

Albertini, the congress chairman, said the Lockheed and U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) payoff scandals hampered Premier Aldo Moro's three-week-old minority government of his Christian Democrats by "characterizing with a loud crescendo the decadence of certain sectors of political and public activity." (AP)

### UN workers end strike

GENEVA. — Employees at United Nations European Headquarters ended their strike yesterday after agreeing with management on a means to negotiate salary increases and a pledge from UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that they will be safe from any reprisals.

The strike, which lasted eight days and paralyzed the UN's European office, involved wages and family allowances for the 2,000 lower-grade "general services" staff.

During the strike, clocks stopped, mail piled up by the ton, computers and elevators were idle and there was no heat in the offices or paper in the bathrooms. (AP, UPI)

### Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem

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Applications are also accepted from twelfth year students who will be taking Matriculation examinations this year.

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Further details and registration forms are available at the Office of the Academy, Smolenskin, Jerusalem; Tel. 35271.

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Tender No. 61/C-11/ISP/75

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The Municipality of Netanya hereby invites contractors to submit bids for all the Civil Engineering Works required for the construction of the:

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Tender No. 61/C-11/ISP/75

Secretary of Municipality — Netanya

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Bids may also be submitted by others who are registered in the Contractors Register under the section — sewage, drainage and waterworks for works of a value of at least IL3,000,000.- These contractors will have to apply for qualification.

A site inspection for contractors will be held on March 14, 1976, leaving from the office of the City Engineer at 10.00 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest proposal or any proposal 22.276

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By YA'ACOV FREIDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "This is not a Golden Age for scientists. I think people greatly exaggerate the influence that scientists have. The world is in the hands of the politicians and we don't have much influence on them at all."

This is the opinion of Prof. Dr. Ernst Otto Fischer, 57, the West German chemist, who won the 1973 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Here as the guest of the Technion's Faculty of Chemistry, this is his second visit to Israel.

I asked Prof. Fischer, who works at the Technical University of Munich, why scientists are not speaking out on behalf of Jewish scientists who are oppressed in the Soviet Union and denied the right to emigrate. "It is very seldom that a scientist can influence the political processes of his country," he replied. But he singled out the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann as a notable exception.

He noted that several years ago he had sent a letter to then Chancellor Willy Brandt over the declining quality of education in Germany and proposed a meeting to suggest appropriate action. "The only answer I got was from his secretary, saying that the Chancellor was too busy to meet me," he shrugged.

Prof. Fischer feels that scientists are held in greater respect in Israel and are able to influence public opinion. "In the Western countries, budgets for science and scientific research are being cut. The public tends to blame us for many ills, particularly environmental pollution. It is a very wide spectrum of opinions on various issues among scientists," he said. "In the natural sciences, on the other

## 'This is not a Golden Age for scientists'

VISITORS' GALLERY  
ERNST OTTO FISCHER



developed plastic rather than on the picknickers who discarded them."

Another reason for the reluctance of scientists to make themselves heard on such problems as free emigration, is the fact that "there is a very wide spectrum of opinions on various issues among scientists."

hand, we can find clear answers to what is right and wrong. That is the beauty of natural science and there is, therefore, a tendency among us to withdraw into ourselves."

Prof. Fischer was awarded the Nobel Prize, together with Prof. Geoffrey Wilkinson, of London's Imperial College, for their pioneering work, carried out independently of each other, on the chemistry of organometallic "sandwich" compounds. (This field of research is only two decades old but has already led to new industrial processes). In particular they discovered the molecular composition of Ferrocene, a compound in which an atom of iron is "sandwiched" between atoms of carbon.

"My work is purely in the field of basic research," Prof. Fischer said. "I am interested in knowledge without regard of what can be done with it, but of course today's pure research may have important practical applications tomorrow."

While in Israel, Prof. Fischer will lecture at the Weizmann Institute and in Jerusalem, on organometallic compounds.

In resuming the ties and friendships made during his first visit to the Technion, he noted that the Technion had developed an exchange of ideas "and science cannot live in one land alone — it must have contacts. I am deeply interested in what you have made of this former desert country. I feel that the fate and future of Israel and its development must occupy the mind of every thinking person," he stressed. "If you have the feeling that scientists are cooling off towards Israel, or avoiding coming here, then I am happy to tell you that you are mistaken."

"JUST AS THERE are many roads to socialism, there are many roads to a play." So says Yaacov Agmon — and on the basis of past and present experience, he should know. During the course of a chequered career, which started with management of Israel's 10th anniversary celebrations, he has been involved in all forms of entertainment, both public and private.

After owning and managing his own private theatre, "Bimot," for the past ten years, he is now embarking on a new career as administrative director of "Bimot Theatre Trust." In its new form, it is supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture and brings together under one roof and one management not only the original Bimot Theatre but also the Israel Chamber Ensemble and the Rinat National Choir.

Agmon is enthusiastic about the new project but makes no bones about the reasons for it: the entertainment tax on tickets for private theatres and other constantly spiralling overheads have made it virtually impossible to run a serious theatre on a financially viable basis, he says. "With today's taxes and inflationary costs, even shows playing to full houses inevitably lose money."

The Ministry of Education offered Agmon a "package deal" management of the Chamber Ensemble and Rinat in addition to Bimot — in exchange for its financial support. The principle is centralised management, and he estimates that the new arrangement will save at least IL600,000 in administrative costs: centralised offices, clerical staff, advertising, public relations, accounting and combined rehearsal facilities.

The board of trustees of the new Bimot have already approved proposals for the first two productions: "The Travels of Benjamin III" by Mendele Mocher Sfarim and Arthur Miller's "View from the Bridge." "Benjamin III" will be "a play with songs — not a musical" — with music by Naomi Shemer. It continues the Bimot tradition of drawing on Jewish sources and literature — ("Hamegilla," "Ish Hassid Hays" and "Machberot Hacheshbek") as the basis for original productions.

Benjamin III is the story of the pilgrimage of two Jews to the Land

## A MASTER OF MANY STAGES

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Yaacov Agmon at the microphone for his weekly radio programme "Beer and Good Cheer."

of Israel, and their Don Quixotic adventures en route. Miller's "View from the Bridge" is concerned with immigration and integration problems, albeit of Italian immigrants to America. Agmon considers both plays, despite their widely different backgrounds, as relevant to current Israeli problems. The new production will be directed by Hy Kalus, who last directed "View from the Bridge" at Habima, twenty years ago. The translation is by Aharon Megged and the music by Gary Bertini.

As in the original Bimot, Agmon aims at a repertoire theatre combining contemporary drama with plays based on Jewish folklore and history. He is adamant in his principle of opening each play to all actors through public announcements, "seeking actors for plays rather than plays for actors." Unlike the

major national theatres which work with permanently employed actors, he prefers the system of seasonal contracts to suit the specific plays in repertory.

TO INTERVIEW Agmon during a working morning at Bimot headquarters is to meet a split personality, a man who appears to have the capacity to think, talk, and operate on several levels concurrently. He is every inch the showman as well as the shrewd businessman, reeling off facts and figures, expressing ideas fluently; a combination of impresario, charming public relations man, administrative and artistic director. He also happens to be an experienced broadcaster, and a highly competent and professional interviewer on his own regular radio programme "Beer and Good Cheer."

During the course of barely an hour, despite a request for no phone calls to be put through, various negotiations for future Bimot projects were going back and forth on the telephone, long distance and local. And as if in answer to a question as to how he finds the time to compile ideas and material for his weekly "Beer and Good Cheer," our meeting was briefly punctuated by a lightning appearance by Dr. Dina Goren of the Hebrew University's Communications Faculty, with a copy of her new book "Secrecy, Security and Freedom of the Press," literally hot from the printers. Agmon miffed the scent of the brand-new book with dramatic appreciation, promised to give it his attention — and continued.

In "Beer and Good Cheer" he is "Yankel" rather than the formal sounding Yaacov, with his own personal style of compering and putting across a programme. (His broadcasting experience includes an eight year stint with the Army Radio.) Thus, at last week's live broadcast at the Tel Aviv Theatre Club, Agmon's opening question in a pre-budget interview with Moshe Neudorfer, Director of State Revenue Administration was: "Is it true that you run the most profitable business in Israel?" followed by "How much tax is there on that tankard of beer you're drinking?" Mr. Neudorfer estimated some 30 per cent, Agmon requested that he leave a third. In a seemingly lighthearted manner, typical of his approach, he packed his punches, covering tax reform, the resignation of the Income Tax Commissioner, and a good few pointed questions on the subject of black money.

It is quite clear that Agmon enjoys himself in a programme which he describes as "a sandwich of entertainment, politics and current affairs — the freest newspaper in the country with no political bias. It can happen that I don't agree with a single word any of my guests say but they have absolute freedom of speech."

It seems that radio audiences, too, enjoy the show — it will soon be clocking up its 100th broadcast. Despite its M.C.'s many new commitments and responsibilities, "Beer and Good Cheer" looks like continuing indefinitely as a late night radio fixture on Fridays.

## Excessively brutal run-of-the-mill thriller

Joker (on general release throughout the country) is an excessively brutal Israeli picture about the Tel Aviv underworld, produced, written and directed by Isaac "Zepi" Yeshurun. This is the 36-year-old sabra's first commercial feature film, but he has made about a dozen documentaries for local TV and various institutions. He had previously worked as an assistant director in Paris, after studying English and American literature at the Sorbonne.

"Joker" shows clearly that Yeshurun has learned his craft well, for the piece is technically of a high standard, with some first-class photography by Ya'acov Eisenman. Otherwise, it is a great disappointment. The story, compiled from a series of real-life cases, tells of the determination of a newly-released criminal nicknamed "Joker" (Yehoram Gaon), to take his revenge on those responsible for his imprisonment.

However, the director seems too busy trying to shock us with one

CINEMA  
JACK LEON



Yehoram Gaon as 'The Joker' scene of violence after another, either to develop his plot or to create any real characters in whom the viewer can become interested.

Punch-ups, savage beatings and shoot-outs follow with monotonous regularity and there are, of course, the mandatory sex scenes and a wild car-chase at the end. Though the world of crime depicted here is admittedly an aspect of Israeli life today, it still seems pity to have spent nearly IL2 million in making what is fundamentally the sort of stock crime-thriller done much better by Hollywood.

None of the cast — not even Gaon — have much opportunity to show their acting skills. Those who come out best are Avraham Nogar, as the "Godfather" type underworld boss, Marco, who has a love-hate relationship with the hero, and Faina Wilcher, as a pathetic drug addict. Edith Astruk is unconvincing as Joker's former girl-friend, who transfers her affections to Marco while he is in prison. At present, the picture has no English subtitles.

In spite of this letdown, Yeshurun undoubtedly has a good film in him, and we look forward to seeing it soon.

By AGNES LEON  
NEW YORK — This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pablo Casals, the Spanish cellist who opposed fascism and inspired several generations with his musical mastery.

International musical festivals commemorating the maestro are planned in several nations this year. Among the festivals is one in Puerto Rico, where Casals spent the last 20 years of his life with his fourth wife and former pupil, Marta Casals.

Mrs. Casals, whose husband died three years ago, carried on the work

## International Casals year

initiated by Casals in organizing the annual Casals festival of Puerto Rico.

During an interview in her New York apartment, she explained that the highlights of this year's events include the Puerto Rico festival, the international music festival of Mexico, the Prades festival in France and the Lucerne festival in Switzerland, as well as local celebrations in the small Spanish town of Vendrell where Casals was born.

"With the change in the Spanish Government we hope that we will have celebrations fitting to the memory of maestro Casals," said Mrs. Casals.

Casals, rather than live under the Franco regime, chose exile after the Spanish civil war ended in 1939. He vowed then "never to play in those countries which recognized Franco or in any other country where basic human freedoms are denied."

However, he relented on that vow to give a concert at the UN in 1968, and before his fatal illness in October 1973 he gave several recitals in the U.S. and in Europe but never returned to his native country.

Casals began playing a home-made cello at the age of 10, after becoming proficient on the piano, organ and violin. He was playing before Spanish royalty by the time he reached the age of 15, and was an international concert artist appearing as solo cellist for the Paris opera while still a teen-ager.

(AP)

## A day in the life of a gourmet dieter

IT'S EARLY in the morning. Raining. Cold. The rooster hasn't crowed yet, and already you're starving. Yesterday, you nibbled all day. You thought you'd been eating like a bird, but today the scale assures you that your food consumption was, in fact, quite impressive.

Many dieters like to eat four or more small meals and snacks a day, rather than three large ones, but most never feel totally satisfied. One weight-conscious friend has been eating only low-calorie foods for years, but eats everything separately — one grapefruit (55 calories), one leben (90 cal.), one piece of meat, one slice dry toast (60 cal.), and so on, ad nauseam. Well, I certainly couldn't do that for a week.

It may be much simpler to diet that way, but what fun is it for anyone who wants not only to be satisfied but also gratified? Here is my idea of a day's gourmet dieting. The basic principle: combine, but economically. (If you tend to be a bit miserly with your finances, you probably have a gift for coming calories.)

For breakfast — a mushroom omelette. If you're not keen on big breakfasts, save this recipe for lunch or dinner.

Cut up one cup of mushrooms (fresh or canned — 30 cal.). Melt one tsp. margarine (40 cal.) in a teflon pan and fry the mushrooms with a few dried onion flakes (10 cal.) until tender. In a bowl beat lightly one egg (60 cal.) together with ¼ cup skimmed milk (bottled *dol* shuman 30 cal.) and a few drops of water. Season with salt, garlic powder, and ground bay leaves. Pour the egg mixture over the mushrooms in the pan, lower the flame slightly, and wait until the bottom is set, not browned. Place the pan in the oven or under the grill for a minute or two, until the top of the omelette is set. Slide the omelette gently on to a

FIGURE IT OUT  
JUDIE ORON

plate, and set to. Green peppers, celery, bean sprouts, onions and/or tomatoes are fine alternatives to the mushrooms. The total for the omelette — a mere 190 calories.

The filling effect of breakfast ought to last a while. When hunger strikes, have lunch. My suggestions — tomato soup, marinated cucumber salad and two slices of diet pizza.



For the soup, mash a bouillon cube (chicken — 10 cal.) into a small pot and add a few dried onion flakes (10 cal.), one cup tomato juice (45 cal.), and ½ cup water. Simmer for 10 minutes.

The pizzas are prepared as follows: slice one large tomato (30 cal.) and mash the slices with a few drops of water, a small amount of Dijon or ordinary mustard, and ground oregano. Spread over two slices of whole wheat bread (100

cal.) and cover the tomatoes with three tsp. of grated Parmesan cheese (90 cal.). Pop into the oven until the cheese is melted.

The salad is made from the slices of two cucumbers (40 cal.), marinated with lemon juice (5 cal.), salt, pepper, garlic powder and a few drops of wine vinegar. The total for lunch is 335 calories. Together with the omelette — 525 calories.

Time for a snack? You have "saved" enough calories on breakfast and lunch to be able to indulge in coffee and cake. A slice of 'lala cake is 200 calories. If you like your coffee with milk and two tsp. sugar (70 cal.), try using skimmed milk, one tsp. sugar and one saccharine tablet. The result — only 35 calories, bringing the total for the day to 760 calories.

WHAT ABOUT SUPPER? I propose two artichokes (180 cal.) with strawberries and "cream" for dessert. A tasty sauce for the artichokes (more filling as well) is made by combining one leben (90 cal.) with ¼ pkg. of diet vegetable soup (Telma — 25 cal.), lemon juice (5 cal.), paprika, salt, and garlic powder. For the strawberries and "cream," slice one cup of strawberries (50 cal.) into a bowl. In a separate bowl, whip one leben (90 cal.) with one tsp. sugar (15 cal.) and a dash of almond extract. Add to the strawberries and chill. Supper totals 410 calories and the grand total for the day comes to 1170 calories.

This total will allow you more than enough leeway for apples, oranges and other low-calorie fillers to snack on during the day and evening. If you are like me, and a book in hand makes you salivate, try saving your apples and oranges for then. If that doesn't work, you may have to go to sleep instead.

and meaningful phrasing, and also by cleverly integrating her timbre with that of the strings.

The cellist, Manfred Stitz, this time emerged with considerable strength, and the overall effect was quite impressive, though, again, the violinist's lack of sensitivity, and refinement, as well as his inability to endow his phrases with real meaning, undoubtedly impaired the performance.

In the Ravel Trio the impact of the violinist's weakness was somewhat less. In general, it was not a very refined, colourful or imaginative performance and some somnolence came across as rather heavy and cumbersome, but the reading had considerable verve, and the driving and the Passacaille contained a marvellous piano part.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

WHOLEHEARTEDLY devoted to chamber music and possessed of a fine *esprit de corps* are the three young musicians who comprise the Ravel Trio of France. Unfortunately, however, all three works presented at their Tel Aviv Museum concert (Feb. 26) — Mozart's Trio in E Major, K. 542; Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor, Op. 49; and the inevitable Ravel Trio — exposed a basic shortcoming: the violinist.

Christian Crenne's tone is rigid and unpolished and his phrasing of little significance. The Mozart K. 542 is for the most part a dialogue between piano and violin, and, indeed, what a difference there was between the charming phrases executed by pianist Chantal de Buchy and the rather dry answers of the violin. Moreover, for some inexplicable reason, the cello, whose

MUSIC REVIEWS

### Trio lacks balance

main function it is to provide the basses for the harmonies, did not come across strongly enough. With only the pianist executing her role properly, the Mozart Trio emerged seriously battered.

The Mendelssohn was incomparably more alive, in spirit as well as in sound. The three young people seemed carried away by the emotional content and the powerful flow of the music. Again, the pianist was the leading personality, impressing both in technical brilliance

### Taste and understanding

A most positive contribution to the evening's success was Dan Kanner's reading of Hebrew translations (most pieces were sung either in English or in German), which most artistically conveyed the meaning of the various texts. His mellifluous voice and musical inflections provided an additional aspect to the programme, and relieved the strain of listening to over twenty-five songs.

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### Building ties with Latin America

FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon's current visit to Mexico has generated news reports, mainly based on Mexican sources, which have revealed to the Israeli public for the first time the extent of our present and future interests in that country.

On the purely bilateral level, a major deal for the sale of Arava planes to Mexico has recently been concluded, and plans for a joint plant to manufacture the planes in Mexico are well advanced. El Al hopes to negotiate reciprocal landing rights — its first such agreement in the Americas beyond the U.S. eastern seaboard. Discussions are also afoot on the establishment of a multi-million dollar joint chemicals venture.

This list, when viewed against the general picture of Israel's situation in the Third World today, is significant and promising indeed. Mexico, moreover, is a country with aspirations to a leadership role in the Third World — aspirations which it has the resources, the economic potential and the political experience and maturity to sustain.

It is to Mr. Allon's credit that the episode of the UN vote on Zionism was patched up without doing too much damage to either Israel or Mexico. Serious differences on ways of achieving a Middle East peace remain, and they are bound to come out into the open — as witness the raucous tones of Mr. Allon's farewell press conference in Mexico City on Tuesday. Yet the Foreign Minister's visit no doubt helped to broaden the relations between Israel and Mexico.

Mexico is the first stop on a Central American tour which takes Mr. Allon to earthquake-shattered Guatemala and to Nicaragua and Costa Rica as well. Another tour of several countries in the southern portion of the continent is tentatively planned.

All this is part of the Foreign Ministry's response to the erosion of support for Israel in an increasingly important part of the world. A good part of the deterioration is the result of an assiduously planned and well-funded Arab assault upon public and governmental opinion, using all the stock-in-trade of oil pressure and money blandishments — plus high-powered anti-Zionist propaganda which feeds on latent anti-Semitism in some Latin American countries. But there has been misguided neglect on Israel's part, too. Ministerial visits to Latin America, for example, are an extreme rarity, even though Israeli ministers who do make the occasional trip are invariably well received there.

The most obvious barometer of waning support is the UN, where Costa Rica is now left almost alone on the continent in its unwavering support of Israel.

Mr. Allon has wisely chosen Costa Rica as the venue for a meeting he has called with all of Israel's envoys and representatives in Latin America. The meeting should signal a concerted effort to restore the centrality of Latin America in Israel's foreign relations.

### The disease of drugs

LIKE EVIL FUNGUS, some social problems thrive on the dark of concealment. Attorney-General Aharon Barak deserves credit for having torn away the cloak of secrecy and uncertainty covering one such problem — drug addiction.

There are, he has reported this week, about 2,000 hard-drug addicts in the country, and their number swells by some 150 fresh recruits every year. These figures, which may be assumed to be roughly correct, reveal a situation which is cause for neither panic nor complacency.

The regular taker of a hard drug such as heroin not only destroys himself but preys on the people around him as well. He is not only a total loss to society as a creative individual, but because of his increasing need for funds to satisfy his insatiable craving he becomes a menace to society. Addicts to soft drugs such as marijuana, who are not covered in the Barak report, are admittedly a lesser problem. But if they stick to their habit, they are likely sooner or later to graduate into the ranks of the hard-drug addicts.

No free country, which is not wholly insulated from the outside world, can today be entirely free from the blight of narcotic addiction. But its incidence can be significantly reduced by a combination of police, judicial, educational and medical measures.

The first target of an anti-drug campaign will have to be that odious character, the pusher. The police, however, claim that they are gravely hampered in their efforts to track down pushers by lack of money and manpower. Last Sunday's huge heroin haul by the Tel Aviv police may be less an indication of success in cutting off the sources of foreign supply than of the size of imports which still elude detection.

There is, moreover, a tendency on the part of Israel's tender-hearted judges to mete out extremely light sentences to duly convicted drug peddlers. The penalties currently prescribed by law are in themselves a very inadequate deterrent to the hardened criminals who have cornered the trade.

Ostrich like, most Israeli schools have so far completely avoided the issue of drug addiction — except to cry "not guilty" when their students are publicly reported to be taking drugs. True, some information programmes, especially those which stress the dangers of addiction, may only boomerang by arousing students' interest in the whole subject. But well-conceived programmes, designed to build up students' ability to solve their psychological problems without resorting to drugs, could be highly beneficial.

When all else fails, of course, there is only medical treatment left for the addict. Rehabilitation is not always possible; even in those cases, however, the addict must not be thrown back into the street, where he is at the mercy of the pusher again. The inter-ministerial committee on addiction headed by the Attorney-General should see to that, too.

### ISRAEL PRESS

#### 'An unconvincing Mr. Rabin'

MA'ARIV (Independent) maintains that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "was not too convincing in his attempt to explain — and justify — the change in his foreign policy, expressed in his agreement to study the end-of-war prospects. His remarks in Tuesday's Alignment debate created the gloomy impression that the goals, strategy and tactics of the Israel Government are not determined in Jerusalem but in Washington, and that Dr. Kissinger is the one who informs Jerusalem Government over the past months of what is 'possible' and what is not."

It seems that the time has come for the Government to realize that, if peace now seems farther than ever before, it is mainly due to the fact that the U.S. Secretary of State has succeeded in convincing

the Arabs that with a bit of patience they can obtain the long-awaited territories even without committing themselves to make peace with Israel.

DAVAR (Histadrut) hopes that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's talks in Mexico "have contributed to finally settling the dispute that arose between the two states over Mexico's anti-Zionist vote at the UN. The explanations given by the Mexican Government over the past months of what is 'possible' and what is not, have ended the tension and resentment which were reflected in the boycott of Mexico by U.S. Jewish organizations, which has since been lifted. Allon's visit is proof that the two sides view the dispute as settled."

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### VIEWPOINT

IT IS NOT difficult to imagine what Germany's reaction will be to the charge the Germans have repaid only two per cent worth of the property which they confiscated from the Jewish people all over Europe.

The allegation was made last week by Tuvia Friedman, the Director of the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre in Haifa.

The German people seem to be tired of the subject and might feel resentful that they are facing new and large demands. They feel the \$20 billion they have already paid is too much. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the President of the World Jewish Congress and the man who helped to negotiate the Reparations Agreement, stated last year that the Germans might be willing to sign some sort of a final agreement which would end the reparations issue with strong criticism here, and nothing further was heard on the subject.

Tuvia Friedman's argument that the Jewish people have so far been paid only two per cent of the \$1,000 billion owed to them cannot carry much weight. Can anyone really expect that the Germans will be willing to pay another \$980 billion? It is a mind-boggling sum, and anyway, the matter is hardly under active consideration.

But what should be considered immediately — and Tuvia Friedman is right in this respect — is the fact that Jews all over the world, and particularly in Israel, have failed to receive compensation owed to them under the existing German laws. He also stated that there is a need for a powerful Jewish committee, based either in Israel or in Europe, to act as a watchdog against antagonistic German Courts, which rely on German witnesses to testify about war crimes. The lack of organized Jewish support prevents us from locating stolen property, and it is in this respect that both German and Jewish organizations are equally to blame.

Paragraph five of the German Restitution Law, which guarantees compensation for stolen Jewish property shipped to West Germany, failed to be implemented, because the burden of proof is on the Jews — with a consequent loss of billions of dollars for the Jewish people; while the equipment stolen still serves the German people. The history of the confiscation of the Jewish printing industry in Poland is a case in point.

THE JEWISH printing industry in Poland was one of the oldest in Europe. It employed thousands and was one of the only industrial occupations in which the Jews participated. All over Poland there were many printing presses which were mostly of German manufacture, since the Poles had limited printing machinery production facilities. In Warsaw alone, there were over

The Germans have only paid a small percentage of the worth of property confiscated from the Jews of Europe. Alexander Zvielli calls for proper restitution under existing German laws.

## Seeking repayment for Nazi looting

### THE PLUNDER OF THE POLISH JEWISH PRESS

500 printing presses. Most of them were small and antiquated, but a large number used the best German-made printing equipment. With the proclamation of the anti-Nazi boycott in 1934, the Jewish press owners aimed to buy their new machinery elsewhere, but they had to honour old orders. The Polish government supported trade ties with Germany and complained that its printing industry was almost entirely in Jewish hands. Thus German printing industry manufacturers had their offices in Warsaw, traded with the Jews and planted a number of Nazi spies all over the country.

One of these was Anton Hergel, a rotary machine specialist who settled in Warsaw in 1923 and installed numerous rotary presses in Jewish daily newspapers. He fled from Poland in the summer of 1939 and returned with the German invader, as an S.S. officer, in October 1939. He and his two friends — Julius Streicher, the notorious editor of "Der Stürmer" and Wilhelm Liebel, Mayor of Nuremberg and owner of a prosperous printing house — helped themselves to museums, libraries and the printing presses, selecting those which belonged to the Jews and the Polish government.

Rumours were rife at the time that Germany might still arrive at some sort of an agreement with England, and that a Polish protest would be created. Anticipation of this move spurred the Nazis' stealing orgy. Hergel was very well acquainted with all the major Jewish printing establishments and needed no lists or instructions. Some Jewish printers were forced to participate in the loading of the machinery and one veteran Jewish mechanical genius, Mr. Kramarski, was later found dead on the Warsaw railway station tracks, just after the last shipment went to Germany.

THE MACHINERY, which was accepted as a "gift" from the Jews of Warsaw to the German "Organization for the Strengthening of German Culture," was supposed

to be shipped to Nuremberg and to "Der Stürmer." Few people realized what had happened at the time. Jewish Warsaw was in a state of complete panic in the first weeks of occupation, but the matter received considerable attention in post-war Polish official sources and Jewish publications.

With the few remaining printing machines — mainly hand-operated and antiquated — a printing plant was re-built in the ghetto, but this was again destroyed before the final ghetto uprising in April 1943. Nothing remained from the rich heritage. The Jewish printing establishment was stolen, its owners murdered, except for the few lucky ones who escaped in time.

After the war and the passing of German reparations laws, a few Jewish claimants appeared on the scene. The German law required proof from the claimants that the equipment which they had owned was not only sent to Germany, but had actually arrived there. This was hard to prove because of the very obvious fact that the equipment was of German manufacture, bore no special marks of Polish or Jewish origin and was thus easily disguised. The German manufacturers refused to cooperate. The German printing press owners kept their mouths shut.

Certain evidence pointed to the Nuremberg trial. MAN printing equipment manufacturers, which might have dealt in such machinery. The MAN people declared, just like the Linotype Manufacturers in Berlin, that all their records were destroyed in Allied bombings, and they had never heard of any German machinery coming from Poland. When confronted by U.S. prepared lists of stolen equipment brought to their plant from all over Europe (these lists were later found deposited in U.S. Army archives in Alexandria, Virginia), the manufacturers refused to acknowledge it.

At the MAN plant, a rotary press which belonged to the "Moment" Jewish Revisionist daily in Warsaw

was found. The rotary press was sold to Ullstein Verlag in Berlin and after the war the Polish head of their restitution mission, General Prawin claimed it — as part of Polish equipment stolen from Warsaw Jews during the war — in the name of the "well-known fact that all Jewish printing presses were taken to Germany during the war..."

U.S. GENERAL LUCIUS CLAY refused to grant this demand. This was, however, one of the few instances where American intervention led to recovery of a machine. In all other cases they were simply incorporated into German industry.

During the war, German printing manufacturers were not allowed to build new machinery because of the scarcity of raw materials, but were allowed to renew the old equipment. In this way the Jewish printing machines from Poland and other occupied countries were in fact the most precious commodity.

The Polish Jews have failed to establish a single case in the German courts up to this very day. Hergel was found after the war, but he gave only a partial and malicious testimony — according to the German law, he was not allowed to speak at all. Hergel had it that he had married his Jewish girlfriend and fled from Warsaw in 1943 after he was wounded by the Polish underground.

Streicher was executed by the Nuremberg War Crime's tribunal. Liebel hanged himself after the U.S. Army entered Nuremberg. If he had lived, it is more than doubtful that he would have willingly testified on behalf of the Jews. But his family owns a prosperous establishment in Nuremberg, as does the Wilmy family, the printers of "Der Stürmer."

Both "Stürmer" and "Voelkische Beobachter" grew bigger during the war — the Nazi party succeeded in building a number of its own printing presses from the equipment stolen from the Jews. (On one of these presses, Jewish printers were forced to forge foreign currency, some of

which was paid to the master spy "Cicero" in Turkey.) The post-war German courts have accepted a simple procedure: Jewish witnesses are unreliable, for they are the interested party. Instead German professional people are invited to testify before the tribunals. They of course know nothing, have heard nothing, have seen nothing. Thus the case comes to a quick end: "insufficient evidence."

And where have all the Nazi Party printing presses gone? Where is the printing equipment of the "Society for the Protection of German Culture"? No one knows, everything goes on as before and the prosperous German industry couldn't care less...

ANOTHER ASPECT difficult to understand is the attitude of Jewish institutions, which could be of considerable help. The head of a major Jewish international organization refused to discuss the matter, when he was approached, this in spite of the fact that he himself as well as his organization had benefited considerably from German reparations. Yad Vashem officials are most sympathetic and understanding, but they consider it their prime duty to carry on historical research, not to pursue financial settlements. Yad Vashem also received large sums from German funds. It should be noted that these Jews of German citizenship or German ethnic origin follow all proceedings with German authorities incomparably closer than other Jews, particularly those from Eastern Europe.

West European Jews had their own governments to protect them in similar cases. The Israeli Government and local industry has profitable contacts with the German printing industry, but it is obvious that the Government cannot become involved.

For this reason, Tuvia Friedman's proposal for a new Jewish organization to be established here and in Switzerland to deal with such cases is sound. But there should be an end to dreams about billions, which U.S. Germans would certainly refuse to give. Emphasis should be on concrete claims for restitution to the Jewish people on the strength of already approved German laws.

There can be little doubt that Tuvia Friedman is right about the size of the sum: \$1,000 billion of Jewish property was stolen. The printing and textile machinery, which was removed from Poland formed a substantial part of the sum.

It is high time to consider practical steps to claim what rightly belongs to the Jewish people, to find out what Germans are prepared to return if we find a better way of proving to them our rights and ownership.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### FUNERALS IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — David Landau's article, "Burial without dignity" (February 6) is most timely. Understandably, lack of space prevented him from elaborating on all the faults in the conduct of local burial societies.

It is not only the absence of hygiene, which gives the impression of a wholesale butcher's, it is also the lack of courtesy and concern for the mourners.

Last year, my mother, while on a visit to Israel, died in Jerusalem. The funeral parlour was the one adjoining Sha'ar Zedek hospital. Seeking to spare me additional grief, my husband had identified my mother's body prior to the funeral. When we arrived at the funeral parlour, there were no parking facilities for our car. My husband let me and the passengers out, while he looked for somewhere to park.

A man from the Hevra Kadisha approached us and asked if I was the daughter of the deceased. He then asked whether I spoke Hebrew, and on ascertaining that I did, told me to follow him home.

It was painful enough to see the outline of my mother's body beneath the shroud (after coming from a country where everyone is buried in a coffin), but when the attendants from the Hevra Kadisha ordered me to approach the body and uncovered the face, I would have surely fainted had a friend not been there to support me. I let out a scream that could probably be heard in Mahane Yehuda.

The man from the Hevra Kadisha told me that he was not sure whether I could understand Hebrew, why didn't he bother to find out whether I was familiar with the burial customs in Jerusalem? Why didn't he wait for my husband to come and be with me in a time of such trial? Why didn't he make sure of my state of health before subjecting me to that ordeal? If I had suffered from heart trouble, I'm sure it would have been the end of me.

I was 10 years old when my father died, and had voluntarily ap-

proached the coffin before the lid was closed. My father had been laid to eternal rest in dignity. To me, he looked as if he were asleep.

By contrast, no effort had been made to straighten my mother's head. It was slumped in a manner which I had never seen when she was alive and asleep. Her face and neck were a mass of blue and black bruises. That cruel sight is indelibly imprinted in my mind.

As if that were not enough, there was absolutely no dignity at the graveside. The people from the Hevra Kadisha preceded the mourners and began the service before we were all assembled.

Last month, I had occasion to attend another family funeral, this time in Tel Aviv. The hearse left from Ichilov Hospital, and while the service and decorum were a vast improvement on my experience in Jerusalem, it was disturbing to discover that there were several funerals within minutes of each other, and that the same deceased person was announced over a loud-speaker prior to the respective services. A huge crowd of people was gathered in the forecourt of the funeral parlour, and each time a name was called, a group moved forward from the crowd. At the Holon cemetery, the procedure was much the same. It seemed like an eternal march of mourners, each group moving on after a loud-speaker announcement.

But that is where the lack of dignity ended. The Hevra Kadisha attendants were outstanding in their concern for the widow, and allowed someone other than the widow to identify the body.

The Yemineite grave-digger handled the body as gently as possible, and was obviously aware that he was participating in a religious rite, unlike the grave-digger in Jerusalem who yanked the body into place, scrambled out of the hole, and shovelled dirt in as quickly as possible.

GREENE FAY CASHMAN-LANDAU  
Jerusalem, February 6.

#### ABORTION COMMITTEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to take exception with the article, "Abortion: Is the new bill any good?" by Joanna Yehiel (February 19).

Proper reporting would compare the old bill with the new bill, emphasizing the differences in the two. If this had been done, one would readily see that, although the abortion committee is not eliminated, the new bill changes its composition with the intent to make it easier for the woman to obtain approval. Moreover, the new bill includes social indications as well as psychiatric reasons as cause for legal abortion. This factor itself would make it possible for more women to receive legal abortions.

Joanna Yehiel proceeds to build a case against the abortion committee by citing the experience of one woman and does not name the institution involved.

In Kupat Holim, any woman can request her family physician to refer her to an abortion committee and he cannot refuse this request. Every general Kupat Holim hospital has an abortion committee, consisting of a gynaecologist, internist, psychiatrist and social worker. These committees meet at least once a week, but more often twice a week, and accept patients without an appointment, thereby allowing the woman to present herself immediately. If approval is granted, arrangements are made for the abortion to be performed within a week.

Although the abortion committee method may not be the most desirable method that could be made available, the reader should not be left with the impression that all cases are handled as irresponsibly as the one cited in the article.

JACK ZACKLER M.D.  
Tel Aviv, February 24.

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#### RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After reading Abraham Rabinovich's article on Barry Kibbutz's plan to revive the development towns (January 23), I felt I must write to say how much I agreed with his suggestions.

All the ideas sounded interesting, but I especially liked the idea of a retirement community where American Jews could come but still work in some way to keep active. I know my husband and I would be able and want to come in our retirement years if it wouldn't be too expensive and if we could still keep active.

I sincerely hope the Government will seriously consider this plan or some plan resembling it. I really feel that more middle-aged American Jews would come to Israel if they could get jobs and have some place to live which wasn't so expensive.

Mrs. MADELYN WEISMAN  
Woodland Hills, California,  
February 2.

#### IRISH HISTORY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In "World scene" of February 16, Sasson Jacoby turned his all embracing glance on the Irish scene. Far be it from me to correct him, but the statements: "After the 1916 Easter Rebellion, the six Northern counties of Ulster remained in the U.K. when the Irish Free State was set up as a British Dominion in 1922; and this was the situation until 1969," left me with a profound sense of your writer's slipshod research. In 1921, the Free State came into being — not in 1922. Also, there was a little matter of a civil war between Treaty and Anti-Treaty forces which your writer ignored. And in 1949, a republic was declared; not worth a mention?

MICHAEL O'MURCHU,  
Volunteer from Cork  
Kibbutz Yagur, February 18.

#### Sasson Jacoby comments:

The sentence which offended Mr. O'Murchu was not meant to ignore the fact of Eire's existence. In dating the Irish Free State from 1922, I count myself in good company: the "Economist" of February 21 (five days after my column appeared) also gave the date as 1922. I didn't refer to the subsequent civil war because it wasn't my intention to deal extensively with that period. An admirer of Ireland after a visit to the Republic some years ago, I can solemnly assure Mr. O'Murchu that I shall endeavour not to tread on sensitive Irish toes in the future.

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#### SEPHARDI COUNCIL AND ELIACHAR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We refer to Mr. Victor Shemtov's letter which appeared on February 24 and wish to point out that, according to the coalition agreement reached by the various factions following the 1971 Council elections, the Council of the Sephardi Communities in Jerusalem decided to concentrate its activities on education, social problems and efforts to close the social and economic gaps and not to get involved in political problems.

Of course, we recognize the right and duty of every individual to state his views. We never prevented Mr. Eliachar from expressing his opinions, which he also did in our publication, "Bama'aracha." But our institutions could not accept the fact that Mr. Eliachar was one of the founders of the Israel Council for Peace with the Palestinians and was even elected its president while serving as president of our Council. This step put all the Council members in the unpleasant position of appearing to agree with the political views of their president.

After discussing the problem, our institutions expressed their lack of confidence in Mr. Eliachar and

demand his resignation as president of our Council. In our opinion, the Israel Council for Peace with the Palestinians is an anti-Zionist organization and, notwithstanding our desire for a solution to the conflict with our neighbours, we consider that the path the Palestinian Council has elected to follow can only lead to the destruction of the State of Israel.

We do not believe, for instance, that Minister Shemtov would agree with another step Mr. Eliachar took recently, when he visited the Spanish Consulate in Jerusalem as a private individual to present his condolences on the death of the Dictator Franco. We doubt the Spanish Consulate was able to differentiate between Mr. Eliachar's private visit and his status as President of the Community Council. These are the acts that our institutions could not tolerate and, as in any democratic organization, decided to express their lack of confidence in Mr. Eliachar and demand his resignation.

DAVID SITTON, Chairman,  
Executive Committee,  
Council of the Sephardi and  
Oriental Communities, Jerusalem  
Jerusalem, February 25.

#### THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your paper reported on the issue of immigration on February 8. Perhaps we could tip the scales in the other direction by giving people in Israel a greater opportunity to find the spirit they think is lacking.

If the Conservative Movement were given a chance to develop throughout the country, if Conser-

vative rabbis were given official authority to practice as other rabbis in Israel, a fresh spirit would certainly appear. Youth would be particularly attracted to the Conservative attitudes, modern as they are, essentially Zionist, rich in teaching Jewish history and making Judaism ever so meaningful.

SARAH CHISSICK  
Heralya, February 12.

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